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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Report as of October 9, 2017 at 8:30pm ET

Overview: EPA responders have resumed post storm response activities, including assessments at regulated facilities, NPL/Removal sites and drinking water and wastewater facilities. EPA and contractor personnel have deployed in limited numbers to St. Croix to begin assessment operations. Resource orders have begun for additional personnel for the response in Puerto Rico for deployment on October 15, pending resources, lodging/berthing and transport available. Resource orders have begun for additional personnel for the response.

State, Local and other Federal Agency Actions: All Region 4 State EOCs, with the exception of Florida, are back to normal operations.

EPA REGION 2

The Regional Emergency Operations Center (REOC) in Edison NJ remains fully staffed and operational. One Region 2 person is staffing the ESF10 desk at the FEMA National Response Coordination Center in Washington D.C. Two OSCs and one CEPD personnel are in San Juan. The REOC Resource Unit is maintaining a special communications schedule to ensure continuous contact with EPA and contractor personnel within Hurricane impacted areas. Plans for the assessment of fixed facilities, Superfund sites, and critical infrastructure are in place and are being utilized. The REOC Planning and Operations Sections are developing plans for the assessment of areas of special concern and debris management. EPA has increased personnel in Puerto Rico and has established a South Branch in Ponce. EPA has begun working with U.S. Coast Guard on marine operations to assess hazardous materials related to sunken vessels in both Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Portable drinking assessments at schools prioritized for reopening have been completed in the Virgin Islands.

Currently there are 151 EPA personnel involved in the response. The overall staffing levels are expecting to increase as other MAs are issued by FEMA.

Puerto Rico

EPA personnel continue to conduct preliminary assessments at Superfund or Oil Response Sites in Puerto Rico and evaluate the potential for contamination to cause offsite impacts as a result of Hurricane Maria.

The REOC is currently following up with the RPMs for each site.

U.S. Virgin Islands

EPA has been requested to add collection and disposal of medical waste as part of our hazardous waste mission. EPA is drafting a Mission Assignment Task Order (MATO) to task this medical waste mission under existing direct assistance MA.

EPA continues to attend the Debris Management Task Force meetings regarding debris management and curtain burn operations. The Task Force has been informed by the Territory that burning of debris is no longer a viable option on any of the U.S. Virgin Islands. FEMA has forwarded the requested mission assignment changes to include electronics waste, medical waste and preparing white goods for disposal.

Media Interest: High

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